the Government and on the other hand will give mental reprieve to the flat/plot owners from the payment of annual landrent (ground rent), in addition to reducing pressure on administration to a large extent. Though this decision will be equally extended to flat/plot owners, but it has not been made clear whether the decision will be applicable to those flats/plots owners also who have been given flats/plots by the Cooperative Housing Societies. If it is not so, it is essential that the new land system should be extended to properties alloted by Cooperative Housing Societies, so that maximum number of persons can be allowed to avail of the benefits of 'free-hold' system.

Therefore, I urge the Government to allay all the apprehensions before implementing the new land system, in the larger interest of people. In whole of India, the 'lease system' should be replaced by 'free-hold' system.

(iv) Need to provide due share of natural gas to Ahmedabad city

[*English*]

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (Ahmedabad): Sir, the pollution level in Ahmedabad city is one of the highest in the country. Replacement of kerosene,wood coal etc. used for domestic and industrial purposes would bring down the level of pollution and also improve the health and hygiene of the people, particularly the women in the middle and lower sections of the society. Saving of the kerosene would reduce the foreign exchange outflow. Replacement of wood would help in conservation of forest wealth which is so scanty. Piped gas supply would contribute effectively in giving much needed boost to the economy of Ahmedabad city.

Gas reserves have been found at many places in Gujarat. A detailed feasibility project report has also been prepared and the same was submitted to Government of India. In this connection, the State Government has requested to allocate at least 1 MC-MD Gas for immediate requirement. The State Government have been informed by the Central Government that after finalisation of gas use policy, neceassary allocation to Ahmedabad city will be considered.

I request the Central Government that the Gas use policy should be decided immediately and the due share of the Gas should be allocated to Ahmedabad city.

(v) Need to supply thread to weavers are powrloom and handloom workers at subsidised rates particularly those in West Bengal

DR. ASIM BALA (Nabadwip): Sir, lakhs and lakhs of weavers, especially handloom and powerloom workers are suffering in West Bengal due to recent price hike of cotton. It has increased at the rate of Rs. 10/- per kg. and weavers and workers have been rendered jobless. The small and marginal weavers have no capacity to buy this cotton thread which is very mush used by the poor weavers and the cloth produced is mostly worn by the poor people in our country. Under these circumstances, if the Government does not take necessary steps, the weavers are bound to leave their profession. It is my earnest demand to the Central Government to make necessary arrangements to supply to threads at a subsidised rate to the weavers at the earliest.

(vi) Need for comprehensive review of copyright Act, 1957 to extend copyright to Rabindra Nath Tagore's work

SHRI CHITTA BASU(Barasat): Sir, on the completion of 50 years of his death anniversary, the copyrights of the works of Tagore shall expire on December 31, 1991.

A delegation from the Viswa Bharati University led by the Vice-Chancellor met the Minister of Human Resources and also the Prime Minister, requesting for the extension of Rabindra Nath Tagore's works' copy-